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APPENDIX O 1000 SPONSORSHIP OF REFUGEES, 1200 VOLUNTARY AGENCY STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING, 1300 TRANSPORTATION BY IOM, 1500 REFUGEE TRAVEL PACKETS, 1700 VISAS 92 AND VISAS 93, 1800 REFUGEE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND 1900 MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

MAJOR CHANGES

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